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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 5.7% IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 30--Airline passenger traffic rose 5.7 percent in February, compared with the same month last year, and was up 5.7 percent for the first two months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in February increased 2.1 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 4.8 percent. The load factor was 57.8 percent, down from 59.4 percent in February of 1987.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in February had a gain of 25.9 percent. Available seat miles rose 20.5 percent. The load factor was 57.1 percent, up from 54.6 percent for February a year earlier.

During the first two months of the year, domestic passenger traffic increased 2.2 percent. Available seat miles rose 3.8 percent. The load factor was 56.2 percent compared to 57.1 percent in the first two months of last year.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines during the first two months rose 22.8 percent. Available seat miles increased 19.2 percent. The load factor was 59.4 percent, up from 57.6 percent in the first two months of 1987.

NOTE: Along with the attached table of February passenger data, a revised January table is also attached.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY 1988 - 1987

		FEBRUARY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	88	23,644,878	40,898,985	57.8	47,024,585	83,618,203	56.2
	87	23,165,737	39,015,236	59.4	46,001,834	80,533,841	57.1
PERCENT CHANGE		2.1	4.8		2.2	3.8	
INTERNATIONAL	88	5,224,056	9,154,154	57.1	11,474,666	19,322,427	59.4
	87	4,147,723	7,597,012	54.6	9,345,555	16,216,836	57.6
PERCENT CHANGE		25.9	20.5		22.8	19.2	
TOTAL	88	28,868,934	50,053,139	57.7	58,499,251	102,940,630	56.8
	87	27,313,460	46,612,248	58.6	55,347,389	96,750,677	57.2
PERCENT CHANGE		5.7	7.4		5.7	6.4	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JANUARY 1988 - 1987

		JANUARY		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%
DOMESTIC	88	23,379,707	42,719,218	54.7
	87	22,836,097	41,518,605	55.0
PERCENT CHANGE		2.4	2.9	
INTERNATIONAL	88	6,250,610	10,168,273	61.5
	87	5,197,832	8,619,824	60.3
PERCENT CHANGE		20.3	18.0	
TOTAL	88	29,630,317	52,887,491	56.0
	87	28,033,929	50,138,429	55.9
PERCENT CHANGE		5.7	5.5	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.